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Blackbeard Sailing Club Board,

**We are appreciative of your participation and support of our programs in 2025!** Thanks to your contributions, 2025 was a success for ETYSA and our youth. Building upon the solid foundation of our summer camp program, we have expanded into the spring and fall seasons with a more robust high school racing program, and based upon interest, plan to offer Adult Learn to Sail once again in 2026. We have cultivated a strong base of beginner and intermediate sailors who have fallen in love with the sport and want to stay on the water longer, and have developed a talented staff of enthusiastic instructors to help us spread the love of sailing even more.

ETYSA was founded and incorporated in 2010 on the principles of fostering, encouraging, and promoting the amateur sport of sailing through participation and contribution. We are a qualified IRS 501(c)(3) non profit association, and as such can offer tax savings for contributions to individuals and business that qualify.

**ETYSA fills a significant community gap as it is the only sailing education program in New Bern, NC.**

ETYSA has served 140 youth annually over the past five years from Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Carteret counties, the triangle region of the state, and beyond. Our attendees range from 8-18 years of age and represent a range of socioeconomic backgrounds.



The primary goal of ETYSA is to be affordable and accessible to all; therefore, **we ensure that our camps are priced affordably, and we offer full and partial scholarships, so that the cost of programming is not an obstacle for families.** In fact, ETYSA is consistently priced \$100-200 under the market rate for sailing programs in a 200-mile radius. We have intentionally priced our programs lower to encourage anyone to try sailing and to keep coming back. Our scholarships are awarded to students who express interest in learning to sail and evidence a need; in 2025 we awarded 6 full scholarships for camp, in addition to the partial "scholarship" awarded to all campers as a result of keeping rates lower than market rate!

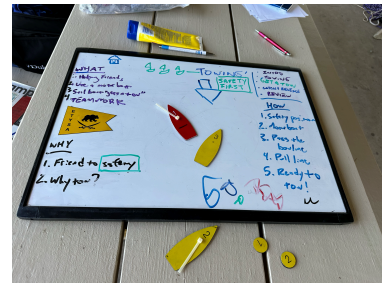
For 2026 we plan again to have 7 weeks of **Learn to Sail** and **Learn to Race** Summer Camps, in the same schedule we have followed for the past 5 years:

- **June 8-12** - Learn to Sail (Beginner - Intermediate)
- **June 15-19** - Learn to Sail (Beginner - Intermediate)
- **June 22-26** - Intro to Racing I and II (limited to 15 students)
- **June 29 - July 3** - No Camp (Happy 4th of July)
- **July 6-10** - Learn to Sail (Beginner - Intermediate)
- **July 13-17** - Learn to Sail (Beginner - Intermediate)
- **July 20-24** - Intro to Racing I and II (limited to 15 students)
- **July 27 - July 31** - Fun Week/Repeat Week!



In 2025, ETYSA employed 10 full time instructors for the summer camp season. **All** of our staff held a minimum of a **Level 1 Instructor** certification from **US Sailing**, and all were 1st Aid and CPR certified; additionally, **all staff and** volunteers complete Safe Sport training and undergo national Background checks before working with ETYSA. Of our 10 employees in 2025, we are very proud to point out, 8 came up through the ETYSA program and decided to continue their dedication to the sport of sailing with this advanced training and employment.

For the first time in May 2025, **with the backing of BSC**, ETYSA hosted a 3 day **US Sailing Level 1 training clinic**, where sailors from as far away as New York state were in attendance. At this clinic, 2 adults from BSC and 3 youth sailors from ETYSA attained their certification. In 2026, ETYSA, with the help of BSC, hopes to again host a **Level 1** training clinic, as well as a more extensive **Level 2** clinic, to advance the education of both our staff and others who are able to participate. ETYSA reimburses its employees who attain Level 1 or 2 certification 1/2 of the cost of the training - a policy to encourage further education and competence among our instructors.



In addition to summer camps, ETYSA has supported youth sailing by sponsoring the Race Teams of area high schools, assisting students from Epiphany, West Craven and New Bern High School throughout the years. ETYSA (**again with the support of BSC**) in 2025 provided boats, equipment, and coaches for high school practices, utilizing our trained, US Sailing certified instructors and our volunteer support staff. As a result of the hard work of our kids, instructors, and volunteers, **New Bern High's** varsity team in fall 2025 placed first in the **North Points #1 Regatta** at Lake Norman, defeating teams from 13 other schools along the SE coast. This win qualified the New Bern Bears to represent the South Atlantic region at the **Atlantic Coast Championships** at St. Mary's College in Maryland, a significant achievement!

The spring season of the SAISA (South Atlantic Inter-scholastic Sailing Association) will start back up the first week of February, 2026. We have been hosting practices on Sundays throughout the winter for the high school students when Regattas are not scheduled. The Spring Regattas for the **New Bern Bears** in 2025 are:

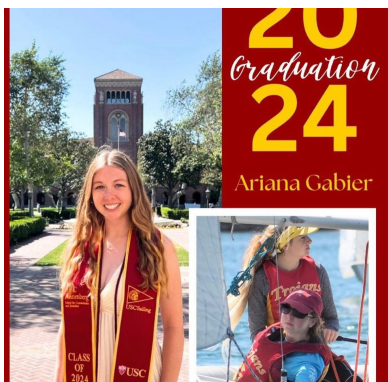
- February 7- North Points #5, Florida Yacht Club - Jacksonville, FL
  - February 21-22 - North Points #6, James Island Yacht Club - Charleston, SC
  - March 21-22 - North Points #7, Columbia Sailing Club - Columbia, SC
  - March 28-29 -Azalea Bowl,CYC-Wrightsville Beach, NC
  - April 11-12 - \*\*SAISA Mallory District Championships - CYC - Charleston, SC (if qualify)
- You can follow the Bears while racing with near live time results on the ISSA website here: <https://hssailing.org/schedule-results/current/2025/2026>



In 2025, ETYSA was fortunate to receive a donation of 6 ODay Javelin sailboats from the New Bern High School ROTC program. These classic boats were in good condition with new sails, and all came with trailers. The addition of the Javelin fleet, together with our 2 San Juan 21 sailboats, will allow us to once again offer Adult *Learn to Sail* for BSC members in Spring 2026, on a more stable platform than our dinghy fleet provides. We are also planning to develop a check out program for this Javelin fleet, so that qualified BSC and ETYSA members can utilize the boats when they are not needed for instruction.



We are also very proud of our ETYSA alumni - many have gone on to sail competitively in college- ECU, NCState, UNC, USF, USC (the California one), College of Charleston, as well as racing nationally in Sunfish, Opti, and 420 Regattas. We also have some who have competed internationally on the Olympic level. Just as importantly, we have alumni and current students and instructors who have become Jr. BSC members, and then full members at BSC. We have parents of campers who have become members of BSC, and parents of visiting teams at Jr Regattas who have become BSC members - ETYSA has received much from BSC; in turn, we also feel ETYSA has given back to BSC! We have provided a positive experience and exposure to families who were introduced to our sailing club through the ETYSA summer camp and regatta experience! Remember - these kids, and their families, are the ones who will ultimately grow the sport of sailing, our club, and eventually, when we ourselves need to find a worthy home for our big boats, these are the ones who will buy them!



While there is still much work to do, **we could not have accomplished this program success without generous and thoughtful support from BSC.**

With much thanks and appreciation for the continued support of Blackbeard Sailing Club,

The ETYSA Board of Directors